Research fellowship on “The textual transmission and manuscript circulation of five Atticist lexicoa (Phrynichus’ Eclogue, Pollux’ Onomasticon, Moeris’ Atticist, Phrynichus’ Praeparatio sophistica, Antiatticist), with a focus on the history of the first three lexica”, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice (Italian law 30 December 2010, n. 240, art. 22)

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Description

The Department of Humanities at Ca’ Foscari University of Venice (Dipartimento di Studi Umanistici dell’Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia) invites applications for a fellowship in: “The textual transmission and manuscript circulation of five Atticist lexicoa (Phrynichus’ Eclogue, Pollux’ Onomasticon, Moeris’ Atticist, Phrynichus’ Praeparatio sophistica, Antiatticist), with a focus on the history of the first three lexica”, Academic discipline: L-FIL-LET/02 Greek Language and Literature and L-FIL-LET/05 Classical philology and M-STO/09 - Paleography, Tutor prof.ssa Olga Tribulato, within the ERC-2019-Consolidator Grant Project entitled “PURA - Purism in Antiquity: Theories of Language in Greek Atticist Lexica and their Legacy”, Grant Agreement n. 865817, CUP: H72F20000150006.

The research may be carried out in English.

The fellowship is intended to provide the successful candidate with the opportunity to pursue his/her own research while benefiting from the range of expertise at Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia.

Abstract

The research concerns the manuscript transmission and circulation of Atticist lexica in medieval and modern times. Currently, there is no overall study of the survival, circulation and reception of these works after antiquity. The available information is scattered in the introductions to the reference critical editions and in repertories such as Pinakes, or in the digitised collections of some libraries. The research programme will have two objectives: 1) a complete mapping of the manuscripts and the first printed editions of the five Atticist lexica which are the focus of the PURA project (Phrynichus’ Eclogue and Praeparatio sophistica, Pollux’ Onomasticon, the Antiatticist, Moeris’ Atticist) and in particular of Eclogue, Onomasticon and Atticista. The expected output consists of ca. 120 codicological short studies which will be hosted in the digital resource of the project (Digital Encyclopedia of Atticism); these short studies will be accompanied by three articles providing an overall detailed study of the transmission of Eclogue, Onomasticon and Atticista. 2) The study of the cultural history of Atticist lexica (in particular of the three above) in the context of Byzantine scholarship and Greek teaching and learning in the early modern age.

Who can apply

Prospective candidates are expected to hold a PhD in Classics or Byzantine studies with a focus on language and philology and appropriate academic and professional CV.

Ca’ Foscari encourages applications from researchers with positive evaluation in all the criteria in individual proposals such as Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships/ERC Starting Grants/FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/SIR (Scientific Young Independence Research) or similar. Researchers having successfully completed Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships/ERC Starting Grants/FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/SIR (Scientific Young Independence Research) or similar funded projects are warmly encouraged to apply.
Duration of contract: 36 months (approximately starting: 1st January 2022).

Stipend: The research fellowship total amount is 73,500,00 Euros, including taxes and social charges.

Deadline for submission of applications: 1st December 2021, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time)

How to apply
Candidates should submit:
1. The application form;
2. A motivation letter (max 1 page) along with their CV in European format, duly dated and signed, both to enclose a as a single.pdf file (link);
3. A copy of a valid identity document (either Identity Card or Passport);
4. (If available) Evaluation Summary Reports of Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships/ ERC Starting Grants/FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/SIR (Scientific Young Independence Research) individual proposals having passed all the evaluation thresholds;
5. (If available) Details of Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions - Individual Fellowships, ERC Starting Grants, FIRB (Italian Fund for basic research investments)/ SIR Scientific Young Independence Research funded projects;
6. Declaration on availability to held the interview in remote (Link) to be send via email at the following address;
7. All documents, qualifications and publications relevant for the selection procedure (please, see the notice link);

All the schemes of the quoted documentation are available on the website (link).

How to submit your application
Applications should be submitted by the online procedure, available on the notice webpage (link);
Or submit here https://apps.unive.it/domandeconcorso-en/accesso/dsu-12-2021
The candidate, after the uploading, will receive a submission number and an e-mail acknowledging receipt of his/her application.

The candidate if necessary could access the procedures for updating any data and materials by the link provided by the e-mail, in any case any updates must be made no later than the deadline 1st December 2021, h. 12.00 noon (Italian time).

Please note that the University can be contacted for any support needs by the candidate by 30th November 2021, h. 1.00 p.m. (Italian time).
Please note that in case of an high number of applications and/or weight of the materials loaded by the candidates the system might become slower, Therefore it is suggested not to start the process close to the deadline.

NB: The University does not take on responsibility for wrong or late communication of addresses, nor for any communication problem not depending on the University.

Evaluation
Up to 100 points, specifically:
- For qualifications, publications and possible tests, from 0 to 60;
- For the interview, from 0 to 40.

Candidates are admitted to the interview if assessment of the qualifications and the possible tests results in a score equal to or greater than 42/60.

The following qualifications are considered as evaluation criteria:
a) a list of the candidate’s scientific publications and documented research interests in the following areas:
1. Greek and Byzantine philology, with particular attention to scholarship, especially lexicographic, and its transmission from ancient to medieval times;
2. Material aspect and history of Greek manuscripts;
b) study and research experience in the field of Greek palaeography (preferably documented through attendance of university courses and / or schools of specialization);
d) attached 'preferential securities', if the candidate possesses them - see Article 5;
e) any other element provided for the announcement, to the articles 2, 3 and 5.

The interview aims to assess the candidates’ skills and expertise on the following subjects:

- Excellent knowledge of the development of Greek and Byzantine philology, and especially the transmission of lexicographical and scholarly materials from ancient to modern times;
- Skills in the use of the reference editions for Atticism;
- Excellent knowledge of the paths of transmission of Greek scholarly texts – especially as concerns Atticism lexica – between Byzantium and the West, as regards both the material production of copies and the impact that the circulation of these texts had on Greek teaching and learning between the 15th and 17th centuries;
- Italian language proficiency (for foreign applicants).

The interview will also include a practical test. Candidates will be invited to read a page from a Greek manuscript and provide a palaeographic analysis (location, dating, writing typology, etc.).

At the end of his/her research activity, the research fellow is required to provide the Department with:

- Ca. 120 short codicological studies (i.e. entries in the Digital Encyclopedia of Atticism) dedicated to the manuscripts and to the first printed editions of Ecloga, Praeparatio sophistica, Onomasticon, Antiatticista, Atticista;
- Three articles, each dedicated to the history of the transmission of the Ecloga, the Onomasticon and Moeris' Atticista respectively;
- A historical-cultural chapter, which will be included in the third volume of the monograph produced by the PURA project, focusing on the circulation of Atticism between Byzantium and the West;
- Participation in the organization of one of the project workshops, devoted to the cultural dimension of the circulation of Atticism between Byzantium and the West.

Selection procedure

The interview will be held on 15th December 2021, h. 9.30 a.m. The interview will be held in remote (with Zoom).

The short-list of the candidates admitted to the interview, or any postponement, will be published on the University's webpage on 6th December 2021 (link).

Candidates may find further details about the application process and the research project in the official call published on the following (link)
For further information please contact Department of Humanities - Research Office, e-mail: ricerca.dsu@unive.it